

OUR CHILDREN'S PAGE, MADE BY CHILDREN

A T. D. C. C. Alumni Association

Dear Children of the Club:

In response to the editor's call for "new ideas" comes Miss Evelyn Turnbull's medal-winning contribution to the page in the shape of a book puzzle, each picture of which suggests the name of one of Miss Alcott's books, and an admirable series of pen and ink bust drawings from Master Marion J. Dimmock, Jr., which entitles him to a medal also, and to the appreciation of the editor for the excellence of his T. D. C. C. achievement.

A pleasant feature of the Children's Page, one of the pleasantest of all in the editor's opinion, is the acquaintance it promotes among children throughout this and other States, and the friendships thus developed from a literary acquaintance between the little men and women of the Old Dominion. The drawings, the stories, the letters and the puzzles—each and all have a story that is not written to tell of the characters and work of those that have penned them. The laboriously formed letters indicate in some instances that baby fingers have struggled with refractory pens or pencils in their desire for club membership. Not haphazardly and well expressed ideas on various subjects from well-known contributors are greeted with pleased recognition, as letters are opened for inspection and reading at the editor's desk that persons having a proprietary feeling of interest in every child, big or little, who belongs to the T. D. C. C.

The record book, where the club names are inscribed, shows that some who wrote for the page in its beginning have left off because, as they have grown older, wider interests have claimed them, and they have stepped aside, leaving their place vacant for younger hands and heads to fill.

Now, the editor has a plan to propose, and that is the establishment of a T. D. C. C. alumni association. To house on one side of the road, I stopped and tied old Dick and went in and what do you think I saw? On a miserable bed in the corner lay a poor little girl, crying loudly and on her lap lay a little dead white chicken.

She quit crying, and I asked her, "What is the matter?" She said: "My birdie is dead."

I asked: "What made it die?" "It has starved to death, because it ain't had nothing to eat, and I haven't neither for two days," she said.

"Well, I will go home, and get you something," I said. "Where is your father and mother?" "Mother has gone to hunt work, and if she does not find it, we will starve; and father is gone. Bad man, he beat Mamma and got drunk and made birdie and me afraid. And I am glad he is gone."

I started for home, and when I got there, I told mother the story, and I had four little white chickens. And I took one, and mother went with me early and went to market full of good things to eat.

When we got to the house, the child's mother was there; so we told her the story of how I found the child. She said her name was Ross, and the little girl's name was Mary, and that Mary loved her mother very much, and for bringing it. We went away, and promised to come back very soon.

ELDER SUMMERS.

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THE LITTLE PRINCE AND PRINCESS.

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FANNIE HARDWAY.

VACATION IS OVER.

Vacation is over, I am sorry to say; we must begin school to-day. Put away dolls and other toys. For vacation is over, girls and boys.

Put away all your games, little friends. For to-day our school begins. We must work instead of play. And study hard every day.

Vacation has been pleasantly spent, I know. We have been having fun wherever we go. At exposition, beach, or mountain high. Oh, how quickly the time did fly.

But now, as the end of vacation has come. We return to go to school some. Now, if we study our very best. We'll enjoy next vacation more. I know. LENNIE ROSS.

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Mary's Little Birdie.

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Our Foxes.

We have a pair of gray foxes. They were caught in their den when very young. There were five of them, but only two lived. They are as gentle and playful as kittens. They sleep nearly all day, and when twilight comes they begin their evening frolic. They can climb a tree and swing from a limb by their forefeet. They will eat most anything, but like fowls best. They are compelled to keep them tied, because they catch chickens and turkeys.

One night one of them broke his collar and killed three turkeys. When they see you, if they are hungry, they will whine like a cat. They love to be petted and will climb to your shoulder with the dogs.

One night papa heard a low whine under the window, and opened the blinds to see what it was, and one of the foxes sprang over in his lap and coiled up like a kitten, and went to sleep.

One night the dogs continued barking loudly, and we watched to see if it would frighten the foxes. Instead, they sat up on their hind feet and barked with the dogs.

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Puzzle Department.

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